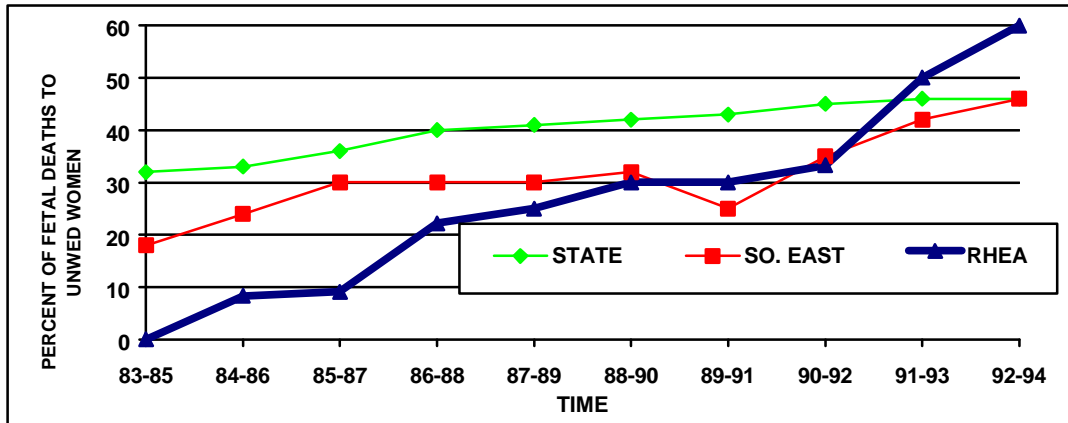


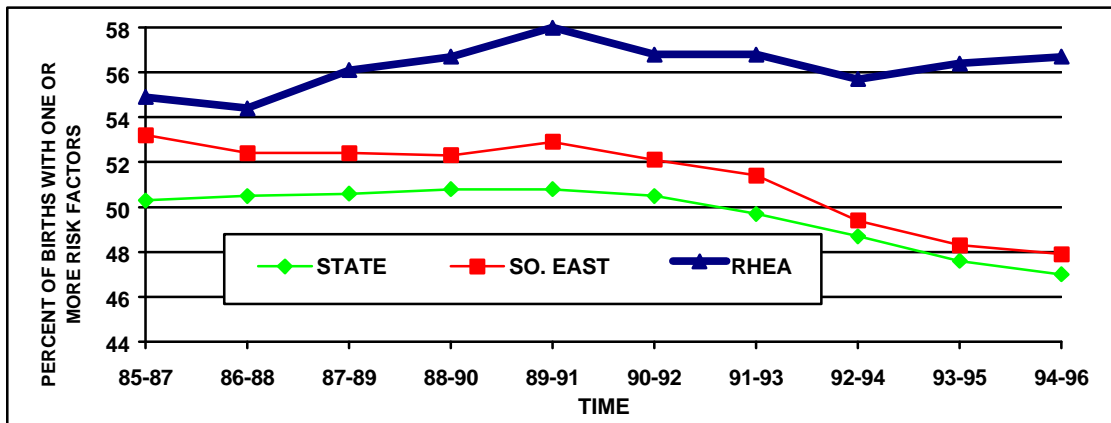
- **Percentage of Fetal Deaths to Unwed Females Ages 10-44** - The Rhea County rate is higher than the State and the Region. More specifically, their rate increased from 0% in 1983-1985 to 60% in 1992-1994.



YEAR	83-85	84-86	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94
RHEA CO.	0.0	8.3	9.1	22.2	25.0	30.0	30.0	33.3	50.0	60.0

(NOTE: Fetal death and abortion statistics no longer available after 1994.)

- **Number of Pregnancies Per 1,000- Females Ages 10-44** - The Rhea County trend has remained stable. Traditionally, the trend is lower than the State and slightly higher than the Southeast Region. Annually, approximately 6% (60 per 1,000) of Rhea County female residents 10-44 become pregnant.
- **Percentage of Pregnancies to Unwed Mothers Ages 10-44** - The Rhea County trend has slightly increased, but remains lower than the State and equal to the Southeast Region. Roughly 1/3 of all Rhea County pregnancies occur to unwed mothers.
- **Percentage of Births with One or More Maternal Risk Factors, Females Ages 10-44** - (Risk factors include: mother with less than a high school education, four or more previous live births, previous termination, previous live birth now dead, previous live birth within last twenty-four months.) The Rhea County rate is climbing and is higher than the State and the Region.



YEAR	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96
RHEA CO.	54.9	54.4	56.1	56.7	58.0	56.8	56.8	55.7	56.4	56.7

- **Percentage of Births Considered Low Birthweight (All Mothers Age 10-44)** - Recently, the trend has increased but remains below the State and the region. Annually, approximately 7% of all Rhea County births are deemed low birthweight (a rate higher than the national "Year 2000 Objective" of 5%).
- **Teenage Pregnancy Rate (Number of Pregnancies Per 1,000 Females Ages 10-17)** - Since 1990, the trend in Rhea County has continued to decrease. The trend is lower than both the Southeast Region and the State. Annually, about 1.6% (16 per 1,000) of females ages 10-17 become pregnant in the county.